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Docket No. 213.1127-U

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Unknown                      Art Unit: 1615  
Re:    Application of:                      GREENWALD, Richard B., et al.  
      Serial No.:                              09/823,296  
      Filed:                                    March 29, 2001  
      For:                                      **TERMINALLY-BRANCHED POLYMERIC  
LINKERS CONTAINING EXTENSION MOIETIES AND  
POLYMERIC CONJUGATES CONTAINING THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2001

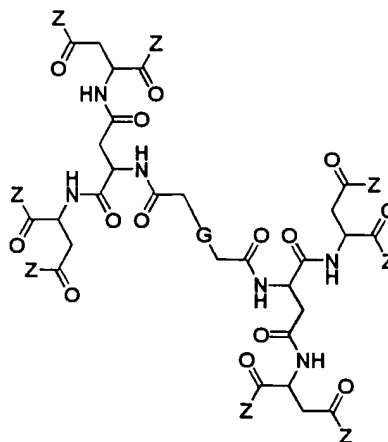
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 50, line 1, with the following rewritten Abstract:

The present invention is directed to polymeric prodrug transport forms and methods of making and using the same. In one preferred aspect, the prodrugs are of the formula:



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